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Staying involved

Busy parents can sometimes find it hard to stay involved in schools, but teachers say parental engagement helps children retain information and get more out of their school years. The Romulus School-Community Committee worked all year to find ways to increase the level of parental involvement at all levels – and their work is paying off. For the 2004-05 school year, 1,500 parents donated more than 10,000 volunteer hours to the district. The committee also developed a videotape for Romulus parents to help them understand district policies. Some committee members also attended a special breakfast at Merriman Elementary School last week. They are (first row): George Stubbs, Janice Barden, Elizabeth Buckley, Joleen McCoy, and Joanne Littler. In the second row are: Salene DeFelice, John Barden, Christine Beard, Cecelia Burcroff, Shari Doktor, Releford Gamble, Ronda Luttman, Tara Williamson, and Dontonio Thompson.

Decision in shooting expected Friday

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A decision regarding criminal charges against a 38-year-old Romulus man who shot an armed robber in his home last month will come early tomorrow morning, according to Wayne County Prosecutor's Office representatives.

Assistant Prosecutor Maria Miller said the findings of an investigation conducted by the prosecutor's office will conclude

Friday – and the results made public immediately thereafter.

"It's sort of strange, but we've had several of these sorts of shootings lately – where someone enters a home and it shot by an elderly person," she said. "It always takes a little time to sort them out."

Miller declined to say how many such cases are under investigation by the prosecutor's office.

The shooting – which occurred June 10 – claimed the

life of Inkster resident Charles Cheeseborough, 31. According to police reports, Cheeseborough entered a home on the 15500 block of Oakwood Street in the late evening hours through a window. He and the homeowner were involved in a physical altercation when the homeowner shot the intruder, according to police reports.

Cheeseborough apparently tried to get to the victim's back

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Chamber seeks nominations for top citizen

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again.

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 2005 Person of the Year.

The award had been placed on hiatus for several years, but chamber officials thought the time was right to bring it back because of a renewed desire to honor people that give back to the city, said Mark Lewkowicz, the owner of Landis Machine Co. and a chamber member for more than 20 years.

"I would say that we got bogged down in some other activities that we host on a yearly basis," he said. "But there are so many people out there that

deserve some recognition for their contribution. And there are some real sleepers out there – some people we've never heard about because they are not high profile. We'd like to know about those people."

Nominations can be made by anyone. The only criteria for the award is that the nominee must have made significant contributions to the city during a period of several years, Lewkowicz said. It is not required that nominees live in Romulus.

Past winners of the honor include Bill Simons, the former owner of the Spartan Grocery Store in downtown Romulus, Gil White Sr., the late owner of Dadsen's Electric, Florence Klein, the owner of the Helping Hands store, and schools public

relations guru Dick Kruse.

All nomination forms should be accompanied by a biographical synopsis of the nominee's achievements and contributions in Romulus. The reason the nominee should win the award must be implicitly stated, Lewkowicz said.

The person submitting the nomination should provide his or her phone number and e-mail address so the chamber can contact them.

The chamber urges people to send in nominations as soon as possible. "We have a lot of people tell us they know someone who is doing great things, but often times they forget about it," Lewkowicz said. "We have a

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Unemployment down, business improves

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

State unemployment figures released last week for the month of May indicate that jobless rate in Romulus is making a steady shift in the right direction.

The numbers – which were broken down community-by-community, show a .5 percentage drop in the non-seasonally adjusted jobless rate to 6.2 percent from the yearly high of 6.8 percent in March, according to a report by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG). The numbers indicate that out of a measured labor force of 10,981 people, 689 people are looking for work, versus 745 in February.

Those figures are not something to write home about, but it's good to see the jobless rate going down as opposed to up, said Mayor Pro-tem Randolph Gear.

"It's important that we continue to work with employment agencies and other organizations that can help our residents," he said.

"We also need to make sure that all of the new businesses that come in here are required to meet a hiring standard that requires them to hire Romulus residents."

The figures also indicate the city was in a better position last year. In May 2004, the city posted a 5.8 percent unemployment level out of 10,995 available workers. That means only 640 people were actively seeking work. And overall, the city is still faring much better than the

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Randolf Gear

county and state.

Wayne County figures show a 9.2 jobless rate for May 2005, versus 8.6 percent a year ago. In Michigan, the jobless rate held steady at 7.1 percent – one of the highest in the nation.

From a city perspective, Councilman William Crova said it's necessary to take a pro-active approach to the current job market in the city to offset some losses. Once of the most publicized closings, the Lear Seating facility, left several hundred people without jobs at least temporarily. Still, he said, the prospects are daunting.

"Industrial growth would help a great deal," he said. "But industrial growth is not something that is happening in Southeast Michigan at this time, in large part because of outsourcing. So it's not something that's exclusive to us."

Some of the policies that the city has in place to ease the loss

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New officers

The Romulus Board of Education elected new officers for the 2005-06 school year at the July 11 meeting. Niema White (left) was elected treasurer; Celeste Roscoe (second from left) was elected vice-president; April Frayer (center) was elected president and Kenneth Mientkiewicz was elected secretary. All of the appointments were made after a unanimous vote of the seven-member board. Committee appointments will be made at the next meeting July 25. The board also adopted an official meeting schedule of the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

On a roll City Veteran's Haven team to help aging serviceman

Scott Spielman
Editor

"This day will go down in history for me, it really will," said 86-year-old Westland resident Marion Dee Terwilliger on Thursday.

Terwilliger, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, sat astride a new motorized scooter in front of American House III in Westland. The scooter was a surprise gift – it had been donated that morning to Veteran's Haven in Wayne, and given to Terwilliger just hours later.

"The donations come in and they go right back out," said Vince Berna, president of Veteran's Haven.

It was the second piece of good news that Terwilliger had received recently. A resident of American House for about six months, he also just learned that he was eligible for a Section 8 Housing Voucher through the Frail Elderly Assistance program and the Westland Housing Commission.

"We were happy to be able to do it," said Mayor Sandra Cicirelli.

Terwilliger came to the attention of the Westland administration last fall. He had just moved into a different apartment complex in Westland, and found it unsuitable. It wasn't handicapped-friendly, he said, and its lack of barrier free access meant that he couldn't help care for his ex-wife, who was recovering from a broken back.

"It was uninhabitable," he said. "It was just awful."

He contacted the office of the mayor and the Westland Housing Commission, and soon preparations were under way to

move Terwilliger to his current home, located off Hunter Street near Wayne Road.

"Luckily everything happened at the right time," said Jay Gilbert, Westland Housing Director. "He really fell in love with the facility."

His apartment is completely up to handicapped-accessible code, which means that he can care for Blanche, to whom he was married for more than 30 years. The two are close – Marion has been by her side throughout her hospital stays and the beginning of her recovery. She's still learning how to walk, again.

"I've been through it all before and I know what it's like to be hurt in there, alone," he said of the hospitals.

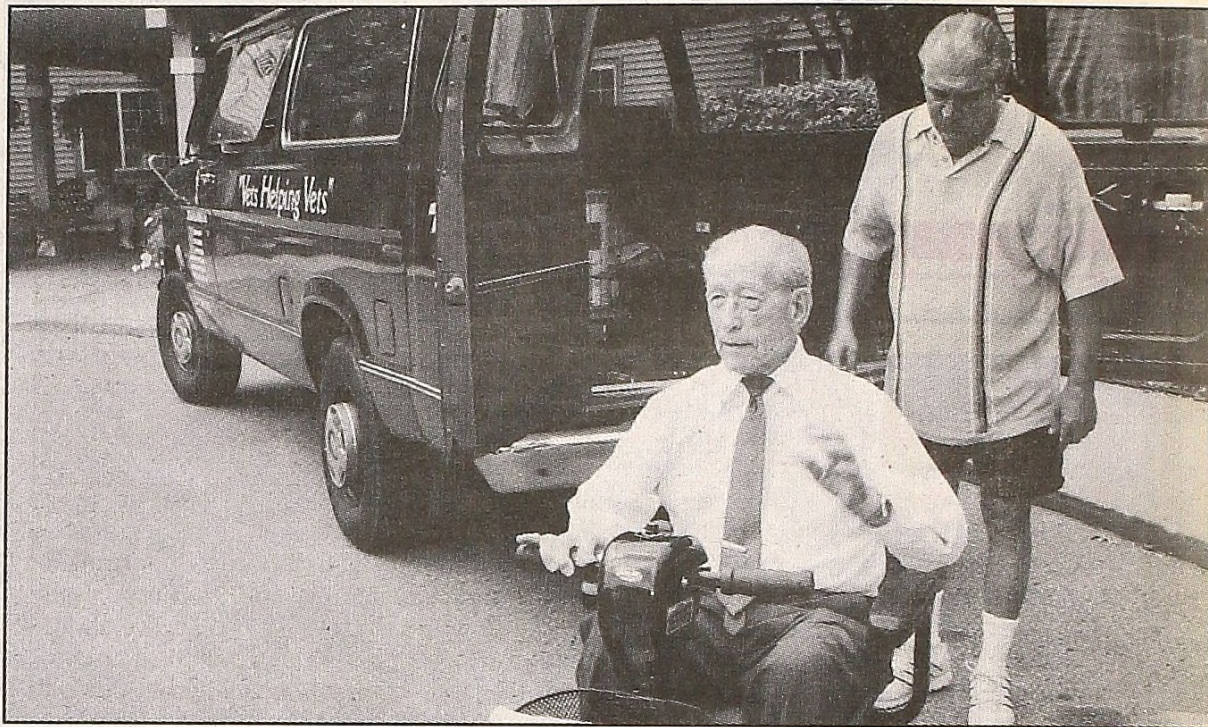
"I didn't have to do it, but what are you going to do when someone's down and out? You're going to help," he said.

The expenses added up, however, and didn't leave much to care for another aging member of Terwilliger's family – a 1990 Cadillac DeVille he calls 'Old Lizzie.'

Repair bills have mounted and threatened to keep him from getting around town, he said. That's when the city stepped in and offered the rent subsidy.

"I didn't know anything about it," Terwilliger said, "but I needed help, financial help."

The city started the program a few years ago, according to



Vince Berna, president of Veteran's Haven in Wayne, gives Marion Terwilliger a few pointers on his new motorized scooter.

Cicirelli. It's designed to help senior citizens who want to remain independent live in homes that provide assisted living, but are not classified as nursing homes. The city added an additional 40 vouchers last year.

"There's a definite need for it in the City of Westland," Cicirelli said.

The apartment situation may have been solved, but Terwilliger still had a problem getting around. He has no cartilage in either of his knees, a result of suffering from osteoarthritis for more than 25 years. Walking for any length of time is extremely painful.

He was already on the list to receive a motorized scooter from the Veteran's Administration – it had been promised to him in April,

when Veteran's Haven, a group that supports veterans in their quest to remain independent, stepped in.

"We all know what it's like dealing with the VA, with all the paperwork," Berna said. "He'd be waiting for it for a year."

Veteran's Haven provided a motorized scooter to the vet and gave him an updated version last week. Terwilliger took to it easily – perhaps because as a member of the Marine Corps, 5th Division, he learned to drive everything with wheels or treads during World War II. His unit traveled across Europe and into Japan, and Terwilliger trained from dawn to dark to cram 12 weeks of training into two

months. He was 25 at the time and he re-enlisted and served a year in Korea, too.

"They didn't want me after that," he said. "At 35, I was too old for them."

The experience served him well in a civilian capacity, too. Terwilliger drove a Greyhound bus for more than 25 years.

Berna had just one piece of advice for Terwilliger about driving around the \$2,600 unit: "Use it in good health," he told him.

Nina D'Onofrio, manager at American House, said she was glad to see a man who livened up the senior resident made so happy.

"He's a good man," she said. "He's quite a character."

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Burcroff leans on business sense in role

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus operates in a manner similar to a business, but there are several aspects that are unique to a municipality. And that's a good thing, says Councilman Leroy Burcroff.

A lifetime Romulus resident seeking his third four-year term as a councilman, Burcroff said his experience as a vice-president at a supplier of small automotive components helps him a great deal in his governmental role. But his favorite part of serving on the council is working with people – and getting citizens involved in government.

"I really get a kick out of helping citizens get through what many of them might not know," said Burcroff. "The role of government should be inclusive. Many people may not choose to take part in government, but we need to make it as easy and desirable for when they want to be involved."

Burcroff is the vice-president of Bearing Service Co. in Livonia. There, he oversees a multitude of projects, and said that planning is one aspect that is as important in business as it is in government.

"When I go back to what made me run for this seat eight years ago, I think of the ordinance changes that were needed, and the importance of having a comprehensive master plan," he said. "And just recently, we put into place a master plan, and it's a huge achievement. You have to plan for the types of development you want, and we have a lot of vacant land. But we want to have the right things, and we able to look at a lot of things – how the DDA district would be developed, and what businesses would benefit us most. Now it's just sticking to it."

Another of Burcroff's goals is to continue efforts to provide services to residents that are low in cost but high in quality.

"Keeping services up to par means being creative," he said. "It's no secret that state shared revenue is getting cut, and we have to do more with less. That's why we're utilizing TIFA (Tax Increment Financing Authority) funds for new projects. We're doing a lot better than some of our neighbors – especially in the downriver area. As a councilman, I'm very proud of that."

Residents young and old are another concern for the councilman.



LeRoy Burcroff

"It's so important to offer activities to people, especially young people. I've always thought we needed a new recreation facility, but now we have to come up with some great programs to go with it. I'd like to be involved in that. The kids are our future."

As a councilman, Burcroff also had the opportunity to put his business skills to use when the city compiled a new benefits program.

When not working or attending meetings, Burcroff lends his skills to his church, Community United Methodist, as a member of the administrative board. He is also a member of the Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board, which operates after school program at Wick Elementary in Romulus.

Burcroff lives with his wife, Jerilyn, and three children, all of whom attend schools in the Romulus Community Schools.

Belleville to honor fallen police officer

Andrea King
Staff Writer

This Saturday, Sumpter Township and the Belleville Police Department will honor and remember a fallen hero—Off. Roy Graham from the Sumpter Township Police Department.

The memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Graham Park, located at Sumpter and Wear roads in the township. The service will include a bugle performance of Taps, color guards from the Sumpter Township and Belleville Police departments, a 21-gun salute and guest speakers Gene Taylor, chief of police for the City of Belleville and Clinton Brown, a former police chief of Sumpter Township.

This year will be the 20-year anniversary that Graham, a former police officer from Sumpter Township, was killed in the line of

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Gene Taylor

duty.

"I worked with him on a regular basis and he was such a nice guy," said Taylor. "It's important to do something like this because then he will never be forgotten. We need to remember that he did sacrifice his life for others. I tell my officers that even if you didn't know him, remember that it could all change in a New York minute. It's important to remember that and a lot of people forget that."

For more information about the memorial service or the Sumpter Family Day, contact the township at 734-461-6201.

Shooting - Charges not expected

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yard, but the bullet severed the main artery in his leg. When officers arrived on the scene, they discovered the man face down in the backyard wearing a mask, police said.

Some Romulus police officers familiar with the case said they expect there won't be any charges in the case because Cheeseborough entered the home without permission in

what can be presumed as an attempt to rob the homeowner and fired shots. But the law in such cases can be interpreted several different ways.

State law allows Michiganders to use deadly force to protect themselves, but if an intruder is retreating, there could be cause for charges. Detectives working the case have refused to speculate about the possibility of charges against the homeowner because the investigation is ongoing.

Challenger focuses on children, diversity

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Candidate Ellen Craig-Bragg said she's an average person with some extraordinary experiences that could benefit the Romulus City Council if she is elected to one of seven open seats.

Craig-Bragg, a mother of three children and native Californian, has lived with her husband, Stanley, in Romulus for the past 10 years. The former military family has lived in many far-away places and Craig-Bragg said what she learned about different cultures is an asset in a diverse community like Romulus.

"Living in so many places with my husband, who is retired from the military, has been a learning experience because I can see things the way others do, and that's important," she said. "We have so many things that are different about us – but also things that are the same. I lived in Europe, in New York, and of course, here in Romulus. Romulus is like a melting pot, and as the community changes, we can learn to co-exist. It's great to be able to relate to

each other."

Having put down roots in Romulus, Craig-Bragg said she's thrilled with the new projects that are coming to the city, but still sees some gaps she would work to close if elected.

"The development and new business is great, and I'd like to see us continue down that path. But I think we're growing enough to be able to attract more shopping that what we have right now. I think we're big enough to have a Meijer, or Kroger's, or a big grocery store. Mayor (Alan) Lambert was able to get a market in town for us, but I'd really like to see a Wal Mart. It's frustrating to have to go to Belleville or Van Buren Township to grocery shop."

The candidate has worked for Romulus Community Schools as an administrative assistant for 10 years, said she also wants to reinforce the existing partnership between the school system and the city government.

"A link is already there, but it could be stronger," she said. "We can always do better, we can communicate more. We already do some things together that are great, like the Martin Luther King Day cele-



Ellen Craig-Bragg

bration and the Pumpkin Fest activities. But we need to encourage more involvement (at the city level) for the students. We need to support the continued growth and success of the students."

Other areas of concern for Craig-Bragg are the continued development of the senior center and recreation complex, as well as the possible construction of a new animal shelter.

Craig-Bragg, who has never sought public office before, attended Merit Community College in Oakland, Cal., where she studied business. When she met and married her husband, she lived in several areas of the world before the family settled in her husband's home state of Michigan. She has pursued additional studies at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Jobs - City development, jobs linked

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of jobs – particularly in the bruised manufacturing sector – include providing abatements to keep those businesses from seeking less expensive labor pools in other countries or in other states.

Recently, the city approved a \$3.2 million tax abatement for the expansion of Aztec Manufacturing, a maker of precision cast iron forgings for the automotive industry. That approval retained about 100 jobs. GM is also seeking a tax abatement for factory improvements at the Romulus South plant, which will retain workers, but not create new jobs. Abatements by state law provide property tax breaks for up to 12 years.

A commercial, retail and high-

tech development could rise from land near Vining Road that would provide an unnamed number of employment opportunities. Also, Magna Entertainment – the Canadian company that will operate a racetrack in the city – was granted a license by the state Gaming Control Board. A casino operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and could also be a reality during the next few years. Combined, the gaming entities could create about 5,000 jobs.

Crova said the new projects would be a godsend to the city.

"We've been fortunate in that we have large land areas that can still be developed, and that's allowed us to keep our head above water," he said.

Chamber - Award makes a return

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deadline we're working with, and we want to hear from everyone before it's too late."

Nomination forms can be obtained at the chamber offices or downloaded from the chamber web site at www.romuluschamber.org. Completed forms and supporting documen-

tation can be faxed to the chamber at (734) 326-3489 or mailed to the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce at 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, Mich. 48174.

All nomination forms should be received at the chamber offices no later than Aug. 1, 2005. Nominations received after that date will not be considered. An awards dinner will honor the winner in October.

OBITUARIES

ROBERTS, Laurence

Laurence D. Roberts, 49, of Belleville, died June 23.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 22 years, Deborah (Zander) Roberts; daughters, Lauren D. Roberts and Diana L. Roberts, both of Belleville; parents, George Roberts and Rita (Akans) Bellon of Belleville; a sister, Donna Roberts, also of Belleville; nieces, Charlene (Billy) Spakes and Megan Zander, and a great-nephew, William Bradley Spakes.

Mr. Roberts was a test driver for the Kia Motor Co.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

ALLISON, Jamal

Jamal Martez Allison, 9-months of age, of Romulus, died May 28.

Among his survivors are his parents, Darnell O'Neal and Melanie Allison; brothers, Martel, Marquis, Darnell and Darion; sisters, Uneeq, Darchanique and Darniesha, and his grandparents.

Funeral services were at Penn Funeral Home with Elder Ronald Springer officiating.

Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery in Wayne.

SMITH, Robert

Robert "Nug" Smith, 57, of Inkster, died June 4.

Among his survivors are his wife, Barbara; his mother; his father-in-law; a son, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Romulus Community Baptist Church with the Rev. Hiran McBurrows, Jr. officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

CHANDLER, Roland

Roland Duane Chandler, 52, of Romulus, died June 6.

Among his survivors is his wife of 34 years, Deborah; his mother, Lillie; daughters, Keshia, Cecily, Tara and Tameika; two sisters, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Chandler worked at APCOA, prior to his retirement.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Orr, Sr. officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

KAPEK, Cynthia

Cynthia Marie Kapek, 49, of Westland, formerly of Canton Township, died June 27.

Among her survivors are her children, Michelle L. (David Sikes) Kapek of Canton and Christopher M. Kapek of Iowa; her mother, Shara McCartney (Drysdale) Moose of Detroit; sisters, Debbie Kopsolias of

Canton, Wendy (Ken) Keiger of Barnsville, Ohio, Kim (Pat) MacDonald and Pam Moose, both of Belleville; brothers, Jimmy Moose, Jr. of Belleville, Jon (Karen) Moose of Tennessee and Jeff Moose of Brighton; 12 nieces and nephews, including Richard Jones of Belleville, and a granddaughter, Chelsea Sikes.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

HEADY, Wanda

Wanda Lee Heady, 53, of Belleville, died June 28.

Among her survivors are her husband, Bruce D. Heady; children, Don (Laura) Solomon, Jr. of Belleville, Sheila (Jim) Alfred of Southfield and Shannon (Nick) Johnson of Jackson; step-children, Amana (Matt) Prichard of Plymouth and Angela (Paul) Holsworth of Brighton; a brother-in-law, Louie Greenwood; cousins, Christina (Michael) Ebert and Robert (Ya-Ju) Bradley, and 10 grandchildren.

Mrs. Heady retired from the General Motors Willow Run Plant where she had worked for 17 ½ years. She was a member of the Milan Moose Lodge.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

HAMMOND, George

George F. Hammond, 78, of Belleville, died July 1.

Among his survivors are his wife of nearly 55 years, Mildred Louise (Albar) Hammond; children, Larry George (Kathy) Hammond of Monroe, Dennis Ray (Karen) Hammond of Milan, Candy Joyce (Mark) Fromer of Belleville, Mark William (Jane) Hammond of Romulus and Mary Ann Kaleal of Lake Orion; brothers, Harold (Pauline Mae) Hammond of Milan, David (Shirley) Hammond of Tecumseh and James (Jan) Hammond of Tecumseh; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hammond was a member of the Maranatha Baptist Church in Belleville. He served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant first-class during 1945-1951.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Paul D. Bostwick officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

BUTZ, Mary

Mary Louise Butz, 73, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Romulus and Saline, died June 20.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Sandra Ball of Ypsilanti and Sherry (Michael) Bush, also of Ypsilanti; brothers, Andrew and Phillip Smith; a sister, Ruby (Ira Lee) Meeks of Texas; four grandchil-

dren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Butz lived in Romulus from 1971 until 1995.

She was employed in the Ford Motor Co. cafeteria from 1973 until 1978. Mrs. Butz was a member of the Romulus Senior Citizens and the Huron Township Senior Citizens.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Whittium of Revival Outreach Center in Northville officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

WILLIAMS, Ruby

Ruby Frances Williams, 87, of LaFollette, TN, formerly of Ypsilanti Township, died July 8.

Mrs. Williams was a teacher for 38 years. She taught at Sumpter Township School, Van Buren Public Schools and then in the Detroit Public Schools for more than 20 years until her retirement.

Mrs. Williams was a cousin of boxing legend Joe Louis Barrow.

She earned her teaching certificate at Normal College, which is now Eastern Michigan University. She earned her masters degree at Wayne State University.

Among her survivors are her husband, Terry S. Williams; children, Terry "T.C." Williams of Chicago, IL, Ted (Debra) Williams of Ypsilanti, Brenda Faye (Chris) Williams-Reina, all of Belleville and Malina Mahundasingh of Chicago; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville with the Rev. Stacy Stalles and Elder Bronson James officiating.

Interment was at United Memorial

Gardens in Plymouth.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

HAYES, Marlene

Marlene Hayes, 50, of Ypsilanti, died July 8.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 32 years, Melvin Hayes, Jr.; children, Christopher Robert (Ann) Hayes of Ohio, Julie Elizabeth Hayes of Ypsilanti and Ryan Joseph Hayes, also of Ypsilanti; siblings, Charles Edward (Cassie) Justice of Kentucky, Nancy Marie (Basil) Ward of Ohio, Jimmy (Mary) Justice, Henry Clay (Imogene) Justice, Sherrill (Linda) Justice, all of Indiana, Kenneth Ray Justice, Elizabeth Ann (Troy) Jarrell, Jerry (Debbie) Justice and Paul Lester (Wanda) Justice, all of Kentucky; and a granddaughter, Ashely Grace Hayes.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Chaplain Ron Nitchie officiating.

Interment was at Alban Cemetery in Ypsilanti Township.

KENDRICK, Franklin

Franklin Kendrick, 49, of Romulus, died June 21.

Among his survivors are his mother, Narva; brothers, Robert, Spencer, Mel and Tracy, and a sister, Joann.

Mr. Kendrick studied commercial food preparation and was employed by the Stardust Lounge for 25 years.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating.

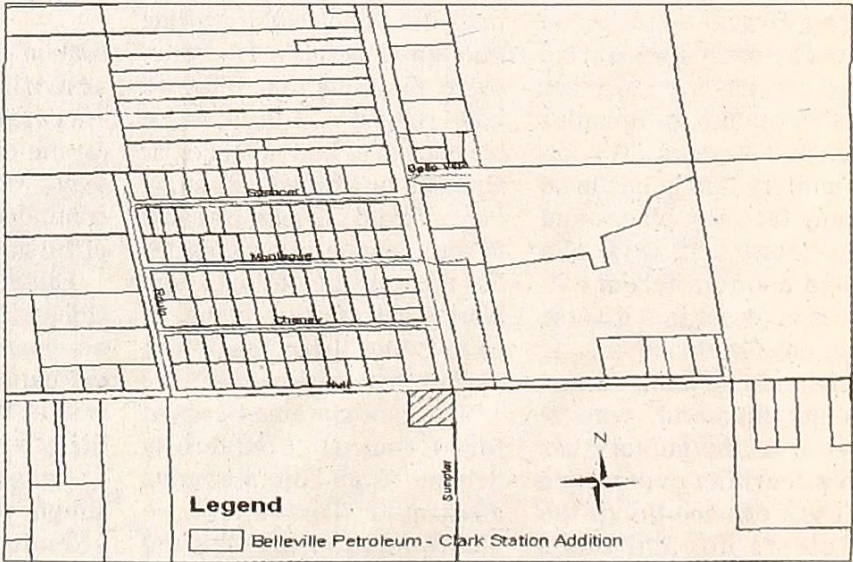
Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday July 27 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-129-99-0002-002 proposed to be rezoned from C (Local Business) to C-1 (General Business). This property is located on the corner of Sumpter and Hull Road between Hull Road and Bemis Road.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Monday July 25, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005 SPECIAL ELECTION.

Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Publish: July 21, 2005

Registration for annual ‘Cop Camp’ underway

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Children of Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville better hurry because “Camp with a Cop” is just around the corner and spots are filling up fast, according to Pam Fleming of the Van Buren Police Department.

“People start asking us in January when they can sign up for the program,” she said. “We already received more than 40 applications and we usually don’t have any problems filling the 80 spots.”

The annual program will take place Aug. 12-14 at Van Buren Park in the township. It is open to children ages 8-13 and offers a variety of activities, including games, K-9 demonstrations, drug and alcohol awareness, tours of the fire department smoke house, entertainment by rap group QTMC, interaction with the police officers and township staff, a water balloon toss

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It’s a wonderful program and we want the young people of the township to know that police officers are people too.

Bruce Ross

with the youngsters against the officers and other surprise activities, Fleming said.

“The kids really love the rap group performance. We had them for the first time last year and, since they were such a hit, we welcomed them again this year,” she said.

“My favorite part has to be when the kids let the officers have it during the water balloon toss,” said Bruce Ross, director of recreation and facilities for Van Buren Township.

To make the campout as realistic as possible, the children and officers will sleep in sleeping bags and tents and prepare cook-out foods like hamburgers, hotdogs and

chicken. Each participant will also receive a t-shirt, prizes and their name in a drawing for a free bike and matching helmet.

“Last year we gave away two bikes and this year we’re giving away four—two for the boys and two for the girls,” said Fleming.

The “Camp with a Cop” program was started in 1996 by Ofc. Bart DeBois. It was designed to be a fun weekend for officers and children at no cost to the parents.

Since then, it has not only grown in popularity, but also won numerous awards including the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Community Service

Award and the National Recreation Park Association Great Lakes Region Partnership Award, which the township is in the running for again this year too.

“It’s a wonderful program and we want the young people of the township to know that police officers are people too,” said Ross. “Other municipalities have told us that they want to start a program of their own like ours. It’s a way to build the community and bring down barricades.”

The program is free and is open to the first 80 children who sign up.

For more information, or to get an application, contact the Van Buren Township Police Department at 734-699-8930.

“There is so much we do in three days,” said Fleming.

“It’s a no-brainer why the township offers this. We look at it as every child is at risk and to have an officer do this is incredible,” said Ross.

Farmers Market vendors needed

The City of Belleville continues to look for vendors to participate in the Farmer’s Market until September.

This year, the fee is \$10 per day for produce vendors with a maximum of \$100 for the season. The fee for arts and crafts vendors is \$15 per day. Participants are not required to attend every Saturday.

The market takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Saturday in the city lot behind the Belleville Area Museum located at 405 Main St. It specializes in flowers,

landscaping vendors and yard and garden crafts for the first few weeks until produce becomes available, but all eligible vendors are welcome throughout the season. Various special events will also be incorporated.

To reserve a space and to receive updated information, return applications now. Payment is not due until the first week of participation.

For more information, contact Bob Kennedy at 734-699-2034 or 734-697-9323.

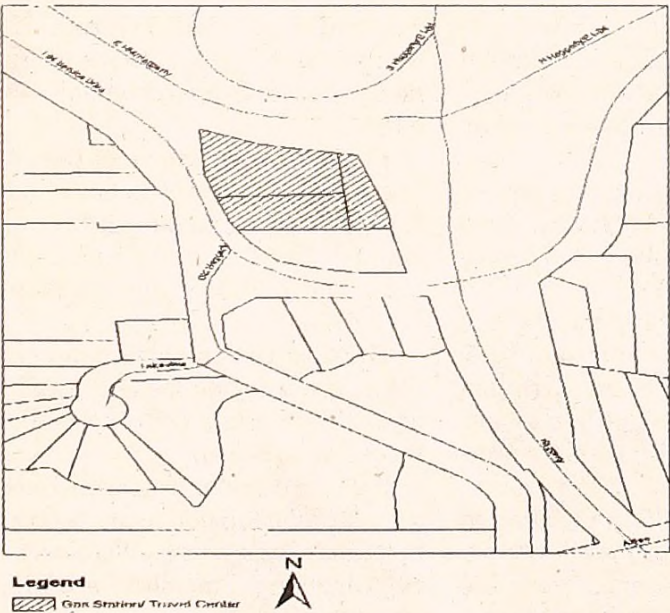
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Parcel numbers V125-83-094-01-0212-004 and V125-83-094-01-0212-009 and V-125-83-094-01-0212-007 proposed to be rezoned from R-1C (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (General Business). This property is located east of Old Haggerty Road between S-I94 Service Dr. and Haggerty Road.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF ELECTION – AUGUST 2, 2005

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that a Special Election will be held **TUESDAY, August 2, 2005.**

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.
Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Fire Station #1	130 4th St.
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	45581 Ecorse Rd.
Precinct #3	Tyler School	42200 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #5	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.
Precinct #6	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #8	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #9	Haggerty School	13770 Haggerty Rd

Ballot Language:
Proposition P

PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

“To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2005 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2006 through 2010) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increase levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$11,879,207 in 2006.

YES
NO

Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

The County Treasurer’s Statement:

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of May 25, 2005 the total of all voted increases in excess of the of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affection the taxable property of Wayne County:

Wayne County Michigan Van Buren Township			
Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Regional Education	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Service Agency	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 8, 2000	0.25 mills	2005
Wayne County	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 Indefinitely
Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mill	2005 thru 2010
Charter Township of Van Buren	August 7, 1990	6 mills	2010
	May 6, 2003	3 mill	2008
Lincoln Consolidated	June 1994	18 mills	2005 thru 2013 (non homestead)
School District	June 2003	2 mills	2005 thru 2013
Van Buren Public			
School District	October, 2001	18 mills	2005 thru 2006 (non homestead)
	June, 1998	1.3 mills	2005 thru 2015

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk’s Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 2, 2005 Election is Saturday, July 30, 2005 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Township Clerk’s Office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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OPINION

Reality TV indeed

Those who can't find anything to watch on television this summer no longer have to fear: board of trustee study sessions will now be telecast in Canton Township.

Local government may be the ultimate form of reality television, after all, even if it does show how tedious the process actually is. Even so, these things are oddly appealing, although most of them are about as interesting as watching a re-run of *The Contender*. And if you think watching C-Span or a board of trustees or city council meeting is boring, just wait until you tune in to a study session. It's like watching people do homework.

The idea behind this brave new venture is a relatively simple one: to get more information out to residents in Canton Township.

That, in itself, is laudable. We're in favor of open government, of course. When elected officials decide to put more information out to the residents, it's usually a good thing. A more informed electorate tends to translate into improved elected officials, and it's better for everyone. Politicians have to spend less time explaining things, residents have a clearer idea of what's going on and what leads to these decisions and everybody is on the same page, as far as what is happening in the community.

In fact, officials in Canton Township have for years done a remarkable job of getting information out to the public. Their municipal web site, www.canton-mi.org, is second to none in the region. They've won awards for their innovative cable programming. They have a top-notch communications department and an approachable board of trustees. In many ways, the move to telecast study sessions is the next logical step.

So what did it take to make this a reality? Only a relatively lengthy discussion, a few red-faced shouts, allegations of impropriety and back-room dealing and a rare (for the Canton board) 4-3 vote.

Reality television guru Mark Burnett would be proud.

Those who are familiar with government in Canton – and there's very little reason not to be, given their lengthy tenure and openness – would agree that the relationships on the board of trustees have been a bit strained since their most recent election. A 4-3 vote in Canton? You may ask: 'what's going on?'

Simple. Just tune in and watch; it's clear enough. It might even be entertaining. For those who don't care to, though, there's always the Game Show Network...

It's all part of doing the job

The City of Westland adopted an ordinance Monday night designed to give them another tool to combat blight in their community.

The ordinance amends the Westland City Code to add several sections that outline the way the city can govern blighted and dangerous buildings. It shortens the timetable that the city has to follow to take action on these vexing properties scattered throughout the community, and it's a good deal for the residents of Westland.

Similar ordinances have been enacted in other communities – notably the City of Wayne, where it has already been effective.

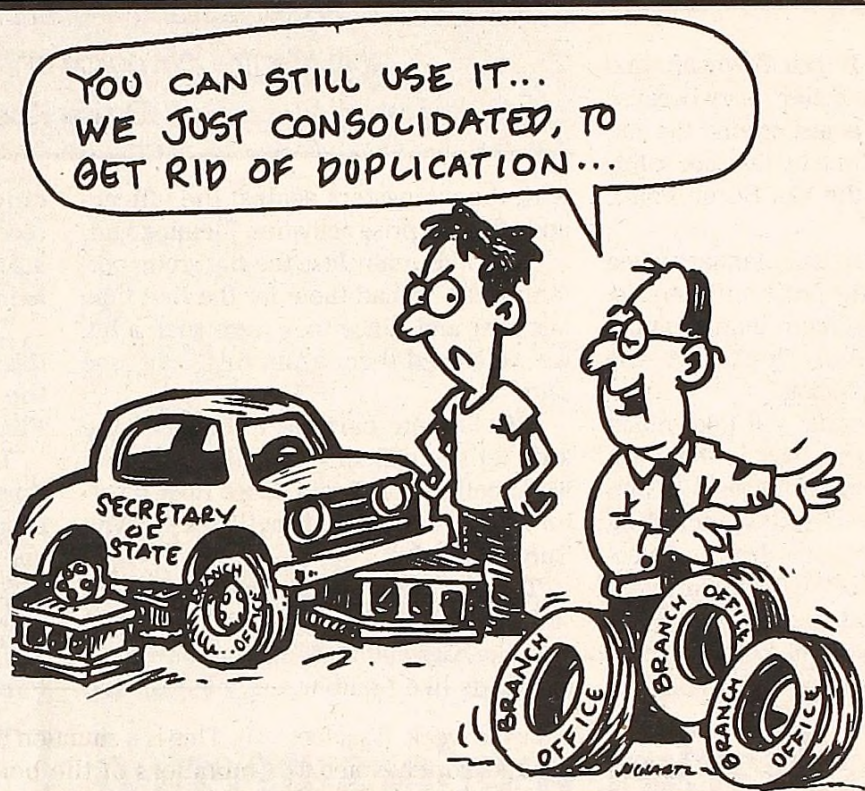
Naturally, the ordinance had some detractors. People talked about the erosion of property rights and a violation of due process. They inferred that the government was coming in and trampling on the rights of the citizens.

None of these things are true.

Here's a little bit of insight: city officials don't enjoy being heavy-handed. They don't want to cite their residents or form adversarial relationships.

In a perfect world, they wouldn't have to. In a perfect world, every-

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Red tape has reasons

It's the little things that always get you.

I had a hard time believing, for example, that a simple proposal to move a historic barn would cause so much discussion – and dissention – in Northville Township.

Township trustees were presented a plan last month from members of the Ravines Homeowner's Association to donate the historic barn along Sheldon Road to the township. They would have otherwise torn it down, and they wanted a decision, quickly.

Hey, everybody likes an old barn, right? Sounded like a good plan.

The trustees were to meet in a study session about the proposal last Tuesday – which they did, although it was at a special meeting, where they voted to go ahead with the plan on a 4-2 vote.

Like those who voted against the proposal – Clerk Sue Hillebrand and Trustee Christopher Roosen – I agree with the concept but don't like the way it went down.

I can count the disagreements I've had with the board of trustees on one hand – although I might have to count a few fingers twice – even though I've covered them for going on four years now. They're

generally a solid bunch, with the best interests of the community – and taxpayers – in mind.

This meeting was a bit of an enigma to me, though. I understand that it was a good deal for the township – estimates put the move at a cost of about \$253,000, of which the township would have to pay about \$60,000.

What I don't understand, and I asked, was why the township had to vote on the issue that night. There seemed to be quite a few questions about it from some members of the board and the regular township meeting takes place tonight, barely a week after the special meeting later.

Why not wait? What's the sense of urgency?

Well, Trustee Marv Gans, one of those in favor of the project – and who did most of the legwork in putting the proposal together – will be out of town at the regular meeting. Treasurer Dick Henningsen, who has opposed it, won't be. All of the sudden a 4-2 approval turns into a 3-3 tie. Motion fails.

I understand the need to preserve history, and

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No place for personal prejudice

In most communities, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board is the support group behind the city council. They work as a team to enhance the business district and promote economic growth in the city.

But in the City of Belleville recently, the supportive relationship between the two bodies has been quickly fading away, almost as quickly as the people are resigning from the DDA board.

Within the past few months, three members of the DDA—Mike Foley, Duane Detlor and Kelly Batianis—have resigned from the board. Each stated to the city council that they could no longer serve on the board because of the financial practices within the city.

In a letter addressed to Mayor Tom Fielder and the city council, signed by Detlor, it said: "The constant lack of credible financial documentation, the inconsistency and inaccuracies of the financial documents that are presented, make me extremely uncomfortable and ill equipped to meet my fiduciary obligations as legislated in Public Act of 197.

"The lack of a free flow of credible financial information, coupled with the continued deterioration of the central business district should be an indication to the electorate that there are serious problems at city hall."

Foley and Batianis said similar things in their resignation letters, which included irregularities in

accounting practices. Overall, their point of view is there is money that is not being accounted for.

Fielder and members of the city council have asked for examples as to how funds are not being accounted for and said if there are additional claims, they should be documented in writing. According to Fielder, they are still waiting for that to take place.

The financial problems between the two boards have been going on for well over a year, and have even resulted in a court case about where DDA funds should be kept.

From an outsider looking in, I can't help but wonder why this situation seems to be a battle of 'who's right and who's wrong.' What does this say for the city when board members are dropping like flies from the DDA?

I do see serious communication issues between the city council and the DDA board, as well as personal feelings that seem to be getting in the way of city business.

In order for both bodies to do their job, the individuals must be committed to serving their purpose and mission—to enhance the city.

Personal feelings and other vendettas that could be getting in the way must be put aside to get the job done.

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OPINION

Sometimes we can't get out of our own way

I'd been feeling discontent and I didn't like it. I thought I knew why I was feeling that way, but sometimes just knowing doesn't motivate one out of the down feeling.

Business wise numerous things have gone wrong lately and that sets off some trepidation about what the future holds. Yes, I know, practice what I share with others, stay in the day, and avoid thinking about something you have no control over, like tomorrow, and, by all means, let yesterday's actions go. I know, but again, when that deep down churning starts, it causes problems.

Creatively, I've been feeling flat.

I recognize that discontent

steals the energy I need to be creative. But, I guess I'm lacking in the faith department now.

I'm not consciously feeling sorry for myself, but a thought of "Wouldn't it be nice if," has restlessly rolled through my brain. So, I sit and write—make a list of the things I am—or should be—grateful for. Usually, by the eighth or ninth item, I'm settling down; feeling better. There've been days, however, where at item 45 I'm still funky. Restlessness is not fun.

It dawns on me that when I am discontent it's because I am not getting what I want which triggers more fear that I won't get what I want. That tells me I'm lacking in the faith department.

Knowing how to change my

mood is one thing, doing something about it, taking action, is another. Hell, I've procrastinated about procrastination. This day, however, I took myself to the woods.

Walking deeper into the woods, I gradually noticed the quiet. I stopped walking. It was so quiet you could hear a butterfly fly. For what seemed like a minute or two, not a sound. No airplanes, no traffic, people, birds—nothing.

I watched a butterfly flitter from one wild flower to another, oblivious or simply not caring about me.

"B-r-r-oak, B-r-r-oak." A single bullfrog called. Silence again. Than several frogs joined in chorus on a warm summer

day.

I slowed my pace. Strange, how, when I am available, the maddening outer noise disappears. My discontent eased. I looked at the pedometer, a gift from my daughter, Annie. She has a knack for giving me gifts I use a lot, and each time I think of how lucky I am to have her.

As I rounded the lake, I spotted an elderly woman walking with a cane and two scruffy dogs.

"I didn't recognize you at first," she said.

"That's probably because you're still shocked to see me alive."

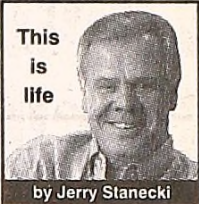
She laughed. "You remember that, huh?" She was referring to the first time we met, when she saw me she looked shocked.

"Oh my God, you're alive," she'd said. "I'm so happy."

She explained she thought she'd read that a "Stanecki" had died and was saddened for she'd thought it was I.

We visited for a moment, and I walked on, delighted that it was not.

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Barn

FROM PAGE 6

it's a neat old barn with features found in only 3 percent of similar historic structures, according to the experts. But the funds that the township pledged for it are unallocated. They're not part of the budget for this year, although they could have easily been put into the budget for next year – during a process that gets started in roughly about a month.

Sure, it's a good deal, but I pass up good deals all the time because I've already spent my

allowance for the week. It's a fact of life. When the trustees voted to use the bulk of the parkland acquisition and development millage on the expansion of Community Park, it was with the understanding that it would leave that fund strapped for cash for a while. I don't remember the tag line 'unless a good deal comes along' entering the discussion, but my memory ain't as good as it used to be. I should point out, though, that this deal already isn't as good as it was when it was pitched in May – that estimate showed a township expense that was capped at \$40,000.

This is a situation where some members of the board simply can't win. Members of the audience – from the Ravines subdivision, by the way – came just short of scoffing at Hillebrand for suggesting the township should be more careful with unallocated taxpayer money. Proper procedure equals red tape, they said.

Hey, it's your money, I would tell them. This decision seems too hasty to me, but if you're comfortable with it, fine.

Just don't come back and complain if the board goes chasing after some other good deal that they can't necessarily afford at the time.

Blight

FROM PAGE 6

one would want to take care of their own property and not let things go to seed. They would maintain their properties in part to keep up their investments and in part because it improves the neighborhood as a whole.

It's not a perfect world, though. Absentee landlords often let properties fall into disrepair.

Some people just don't care. These places tend to leave a black eye on their neighborhoods spoiling the quality of life – and sometimes property values – for the rest of us.

In those cases, municipalities have to take action to protect the property rights of everyone else – and those that take pride in their property and keep it up far outnumber those who don't.

What level should city officials set? Should they cater to those who, for one reason or another,

downgrade their neighborhoods? No, they should set the bar higher. It works out better for everyone, in the end.

Ordinances like these aren't designed to allow the government to trample on our rights. It does not reflect a desire by city officials to take over the world, one crumbling home or business at a time. It's simply shows a desire to protect neighborhoods, protect residents and improve the community.

And that's a good thing to see.

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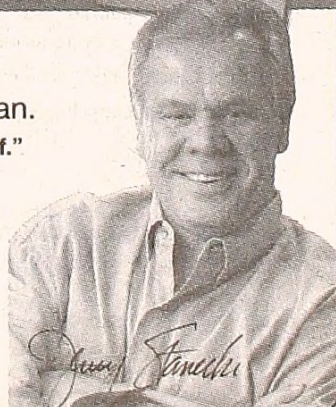
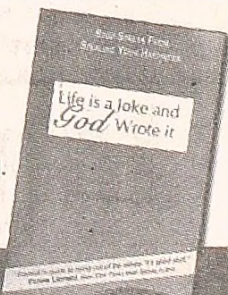
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Lighting strike costs family home, possessions

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

In his office at the 34th District Court in Romulus, administrator Al Hindman is still thanking his lucky stars and fielding calls of support.

And if ever there was a time for support, it's now. Hindman – a long time court employee and a volunteer firefighter – lost his home, his cars and his beloved pets in a fire that engulfed his home in the late evening hours of July 5.

“It's times like this when you learn who your friends are, and it's just amazing,” he said. “We lost everything, and I mean everything. Our cars are gone, all of our belongings – we escaped from there with just the clothes on our backs.”

But family members, co-workers and neighbors who have witnessed the effect the fire has had on Hindman are getting together tomorrow evening for a benefit dinner to help replenish some of the family's belongings. The spaghetti dinner is co-sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club and the Community United Methodist Church Outreach Committee, and will take place from 5-8 p.m. at the church on 11160 Olive St. Attendees will be asked for a donation.

Hindman had lived in the home on Cogswell Street with his wife, Lori, and four children – Branson, Bradley, Stephanie and Christopher – for about 21 years. He planned to retire there until his daughter – who was alone in the home with her parents – woke him up to tell him she heard a crackling near the family's garage.

“She initially thought it was rain because it poured earlier in the day,” Hindman said. “I couldn't see any fire, just smoke. But by the time we got up, the fire was above my head. It moved that fast. And we had to get out of there. The boats and cars were

blocked in, and we couldn't get them out of there.”

When the fire department arrived minutes later, the roof was fully engulfed.

“We hadn't seen one like that in quite a while,” said Fire Chief Dave Allison. “We worked for several hours to put it out. It was difficult – as it always is – but this time it was even more so because Al is a colleague and a friend.”

When the flames were put out, it took Hindman a few days to return to the site where the home once stood, mostly because he lost his pets. He also said he had seen this happen to others, but there's no preparation when it's actually your home. But Hindman realized that this was a learning experience.

“It's so amazing to think that you have this many friends,” he said. “So many people just shined during all of this. We were put up in a hotel by the fire chief's wife (Julie Allison) so fast even I couldn't believe it. And now, Judge (Brian) Oakley is helping us out with a house, which we will rent.”

The Romulus Fire Department has not determined the cause of the fire, but an outside agency brought in by the Firefighter's Mutual Aid association indicated they thought the home was hit by lightning. Because Hindman works at the court, investigators looked for signs of foul play, but have ruled that out, Allison said.

In the meantime, residents are still pouring into the court to drop off necessities for all five members of the family.

Hindman is lauding his daughter Stephanie, 18, as a hero.

“Had she not had the presence of mind to wake me up – and I'm always telling her to go to bed – I'm convinced we wouldn't be here having this conversation,” he said.

“She absolutely did the right thing here.”

For more information about the benefit dinner, or to volunteer, call at (734) 342-7995.

It's times like this when you learn who your friends are, and it's just amazing.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 5, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Debbie Romak.

Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as amended*.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-256

2. Motion by Prybyla, Supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 27, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Burcroff, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried.

05-257

4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to grant a no-fee permit to St. Aloysius Church for its annual festival to be held August 26, 27, and 28, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-258

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the administration and adopt the Romulus Hazard Mitigation Plan dated March, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-259

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve final reading of Budget Amendments 04/05-29, 30, 31, and 32 with the deletion of Budget Amendment 04/05-32 as introduced at the Council Meeting held June 27, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-260

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize elected officials to attend the National League of Cities Leadership Training Institute in Charlotte, N.C. December 6-7, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-261

6A3. Motion by Miller, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the administration and adopt a resolution approving the proposed special assessment roll for maintenance of the Merriman Road Enhancement Project.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-262

6C1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney, Barry Seifman, and introduce an ordinance to amend the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Article III, Sections 236 through 266 entitled "Licensing of Apartment Houses, Hotels, Motels, Bed and Breakfasts, and Roominghouses"; and to provide for penalties for violations thereof.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 5, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 5, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus

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SPORTS

Powers, Yassay to represent East at All-Star game

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

High school gridiron heroes will take part in the classic east meets west All Star Football Game at the University of Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor this Saturday.

Of the hundreds of high school senior football players, only 88 were chosen to participate.

First, the state was divided according to high school enrollment. The East all stars were selected from nominees whose schools were located in Wayne, Oakland, Monroe, St. Clair, Lapeer, Sanilac, Macomb, Huron and Tuscola counties, representing 229 high schools and about 269,000 students.

The West all stars were selected from nominees from about 418 schools representing almost 278,000 students from all other counties not listed for the East

squad.

Each high school head coach in classes A-D who is a member of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) had a chance to nominate his players, which must be 2005 graduate in December for the All Star Game.

In January the six-man coaching staff from each side, the MHSFCA Board of Directors and the All Star Committee selected the 44 players (eight from Class A, six from Class B, four Class C, two Class D and 24 from any) for each team from the nominations. Each school is only allowed one player to be selected. Opposing coaches have no say in their opponent's team.

Each squad is represented by 19 offensive players (two centers, three guards, three tackles, two tight ends, two tailbacks, two full backs, three wide receivers, two quarterbacks), 17 defensive play-

He's a natural leader on and off the field and was probably one of the best captains that I ever had.

Coach Tim Baechler

ers (three ends/outside linebackers, five down linemen, three inside linebackers and six defensive backs), a punter, a place kicker and six players at large, which will be selected by the All Star coaches to fill the needs of their team.

One of those selected to the East team is Canton graduate Jake Powers. As a three-year varsity player for the Chiefs, Powers played tight end and middle linebacker. Powers, who signed to play with Brown University in Rhode Island, is listed at a 6'2" and a solid 240 pounds and was a team captain, making all-confer-

ence first team and all-state honorable mention.

"He has great character and is a great student," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. "It shows he has the grades, too, going to Brown University. He's a natural leader on and off the field and was probably one of the best captains that I ever had. He had a great knack to relate to coaches and players."

"He has great savvy for the game as a player," he added. "He has a lot of knowledge about the game, playing multiple positions."

Baechler said that Bob

Czarnecki, the East Head Coach from Trenton, asked if Powers could handle playing outside linebacker. He told Czarnecki that Powers could play any position.

Northville's 6'6" 260-pound tackle Mark Yassay also got the nod to join the East team. He signed to play football at Hillsdale College on a full-tuition scholarship. Yassay received all-area and all-conference honors his last year at Northville.

Northville varsity coach Clint Alexander, who recently left for a job at a private school in Virginia was unavailable for comment about Yassay.

Both Powers and Yassay were expected to report to East Lansing this past Saturday for a week of work outs and practice at Michigan State University. They will depart for Ann Arbor with the rest of their teammates this Saturday morning before the game.



The WaCo Wolves, who won the Great Black Swamp Classic championship over the July 4th weekend (above), went on to win their district championship the following week. The Wolves team consists of Daniel Cameron, Brady Hardin and Jacob McCulloch of Livonia; Jake Keeley of Allen Park; Jared Terrill of Huntington Woods; Jamarl Eiland of Romulus; Jacob Pacholski and Cody Cowart of Dearborn; Brad Connochie of Woodhaven; Tyler Glenfield of Garden City; Kyle Gaines of Oxford; Dimitrius Bryant of Detroit and Joey Roman of Canton. Coaches include Bill Hardin, Dave Cowart, Art Cameron and Kevin Gaines.

WaCo Wolves win district championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The WaCo Wolves 10-under baseball team continued their winning ways when they won the American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC) Willie Mays District 2 championship in Marshall, MI.

They made it look easy as they outscored their opponents, 48-9.

They had to face the Brighton Bulldogs in back-to-back contests in order to win the district crown.

In the first game they colared the 'Dogs in a 9-3 victory.

Dimitrius Bryant (Detroit) earned the win from the mound. He fanned six batters and only gave up three runs. On offense he was just as much of a force, scoring twice on two singles and a double.

Brady Hardin (Livonia) also scored twice on two singles. Brad Connochie (Woodhaven) drove in a run on two singles, according to Wolves Coach Art

Cameron.

The victory left the Wolves as the only team without a loss in the district tournament. As the rest of the tournament played out the Wolves were matched up against Brighton again in the championship game.

There the Wolves raced to a 6-1 lead after just two innings. They kept their bats alive, sending Brighton to the doghouse with an 11-3 victory. Defense was a big part of the win. Jamarl Eiland (Romulus) pitched a no-hitter with two strikeouts while his defense recorded two double plays behind him.

Joey Roman (Canton) was hot at the plate, adding two more singles to his resume, while Cody Cowart (Dearborn) added two RBI off of a single.

The Wolves started out the tournament with a 10-1 victory against the host team the Marshall Raiders, 10-1.

Hardin was king of the hill in this game. He sat down five batters and only allowed one hit in the outing. Kyle Gaines led the

offense with three runs scored while Eiland knocked in three runs.

The second game that day was only an improvement and a statement as they thrashed the West Michigan Elite team out of the Grand Rapids area, 18-2.

Cowart was huge at the plate for the Wolves, scoring four runs and driving in three more with three singles and a double. Gaines scored three more runs as Jake Keeley (Allen Park), Roman, and Jacob McCulloch (Livonia) all scored twice. Roman also drove in three runs with a triple and home run.

Jared Terrill (Huntington Woods) went the distance on the mound, giving up one hit.

The tournament bumped the Wolves' record up to 57-8.

The Wolves participated in the North Central Regional tournament, also in Marshall, but the results were unavailable at press time. If they win they will head south to the AABC World Series in Catano, Puerto Rico.

Undue Influence Part IV: Mann vs. the media

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Along with having to fend off allegations from the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), Dave Mann has had to fight off the some unflattering publicity, as well.

Mann, the former Inkster High School athletic director and girls' varsity basketball coach, has been on the receiving end of publicity about his alleged misconduct from local media including *The Detroit Free Press*, *Detroit News* and occasionally, this publication.

And there are a few inconsistencies between some published accounts of the incidents and his perceptions and recollections, Mann said. These variations could make a difference in whether Mann is able to find another coaching job in the State of Michigan—the one thing he wants to do most of all, he added.

According to Mann, it may have all started back in October 1994 when a *Detroit Free Press* sports-writer and columnist had some criticism of allowing Country Day High School to host a Class B Girls' Basketball district tournament while the team was on probation. He wrote in an Oct. 10, 1994 article that it was "irrational" to let this happen. Country Day lost that year to Divine Child.

At the time, Mann was the head coach at Bishop Borgess. That school girls basketball team had just won their second consecutive Class C title.

"(He) approached me after the post-game press conference," Mann said. "He told me that he felt Country Day would win the Class B State Championship unless Borgess would move up to Class B," Mann said.

A friend of Mann's, Gary Schwan, overheard and confirmed the conversation.

Borgess had just a few students above the Class D ranking, so Mann didn't move the team up to Class B. That may have been the first step down a shaky media path—a road that Mann would travel until his dismissal from Inkster this past spring.

The writer addressed the "To (Class) B or not to (Class) B" situation in a Dec. 5, 1994 article with that headline. Then, in an Aug. 29, 1995 girls' basketball preview, he wrote, "Borgess in Class C is ridiculous." Mann took it as ridicule.

The writer said Borgess had no competition in Class C in an Oct. 9, 1995 article and wrote that a third state title, "is automatic" a month later. Once Borgess fell to Lansing Catholic Central in the Class C title game, though, he didn't bring up the move in class again until after Borgess won the crown two years later, in 1997.

That was also the year that Mann's best player, Aiysha Smith, was ranked as the fourth best player in the state in the preseason. She was in the running to be selected as Miss Basketball—an award given by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) in conjunction with *The Detroit Free Press*.

Smith went toe-to-toe against the paper's top two ranked players and won by a landslide. It was in part due to Mann's creative campaign that included recruitment of 20-plus coaches from around the Borgess area to pay their dues and join the BCAM organization in order to vote for Miss Basketball. Mann said he didn't do anything wrong and insists that it is not

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uncommon for coaches to distribute literature about their players across the state.

The Free Press writer even wrote, "Mann didn't do anything dishonest," on Dec. 11, 1997, but six months later (June 18, 1998) described Mann's actions as "disturbing," and called the voting a "tragedy."

The biggest controversy of Mann's career, however, was his resignation from Borgess.

The school population shrank to 180 students in the 1999-2000 school year. Course offerings slimmed and building conditions depleted while tuition rose, according to Mann. Administrative staff, teachers, coaches and students all wanted out of Borgess, he said. Even Mann, in his 11th year there, was willing to accept an assistant coaching position at Benedictine High School in order to leave.

But Tom Rashid, then the Catholic League director and now an assistant director with the MHSAA, tried to persuade him otherwise, according to Mann.

"(He) asked me to reconsider," Mann said. "He called me several times subsequently, practically pleading with me to stay at Borgess. Finally, he told me that if the kids left, especially to Benedictine, he would make sure that they could not play. He repeated this threat in phone conversations with several parents."

"I believed him," he added. "I

felt I had to stay. I stayed and so did most of the kids."

A month later Mann was called into a meeting with Rashid, Assistant Director Vic Michaels and Sister Joan Charnley, principal at Borgess.

Charnley had 'discovered' that the school was using funds from an Ameritech matching program to

wanted out of that school."

An April 15, 2000 article in The Detroit Free Press said: "Mann...has resigned amid accusations that he arranged payments for his players' tuition at the Catholic School," which would be a violation of the MHSAA's undue influence rule.

"The Ameritech program was



Dave Mann with Carena Easley (left) and Dominique Whitner (right) at Inkster's girls' basketball banquet last month. Easley, Inkster Class of 2004, and Whitner, Inkster Class of 2003, were both members of the 2002 state championship team under Mann. Easley is on a basketball scholarship at Jackson State University and Whitner recently transferred to Eastern Michigan University. They're just two of the many athletes that Mann has helped get scholarships to college.

help pay students' tuition. Mann said Charnley knew about the program all along; he said she apparently signed off on the program when she had the finance director review the language of the program with an attorney to make sure the money could be used for tuition. The lawyer said yes and Charnley approved it, Mann said.

"When Tom (Rashid) suggested that I resign, it took me about two seconds to agree," Mann said. "I

not used just for girls' basketball players or just for athletes," Mann said. "It was used for kids with financial need, all sorts of kids - whether athletes or girls or not."

In The Free Press April, 15 article Charnley said she didn't deal with tuition payments and wasn't aware that Mann might have arranged tuition subsidies.

Mann was investigated three years earlier by the Catholic League for his practice of paying

students to work at AAU basketball tournaments that he ran out of the gymnasiums at Borgess and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The Catholic League found him innocent of those charges in a report—a report that also went to Nate Hampton, an assistant MHSAA director—dated Oct. 14, 1997. The report said that not just athletes but students, coaches and parents of several different schools were allowed to work the tournaments. Mann provided a list of more than 25 people from at least seven different schools that had worked the tournaments but had not and never did play for him. The report also showed that Mann worked in the accordance with the Student-Athlete Earning Policy devised in 1993 where a student-athlete could earn \$5 per hour for working outside activities, earning up to \$500 a school year. The tuition was \$3,900.

The funds were paid directly to those who worked and not used as a stipend for tuition, according to the policy.

The only finding of the 1997 investigation is that Mann used poor judgment and helped drive some of his players to a tournament in Chicago.

After his resignation from Borgess, Mann was hired by Inkster High School and the media and the MHSAA wouldn't let the past rest. The Borgess incident remains a backdrop for even the most current decisions made by the MHSAA.

"It confirms to me that the real issue is not whether I promised transportation, which I didn't, or unduly influenced school choice,

which I didn't," Mann said. "The issue is and has always been that students transferred from Borgess to Inkster in August 2000."

In the Sept. 24, 2004 article The Free Press said "so the idea was hatched to funnel those thousands of dollars in earnings through an employee at Ameritech."

Mann vehemently protested the truth of this statement and called it false.

"Over four years after the fact, (he) has decided that the donated money was actually money funneled from my tournaments," Mann said. "This is not true. Tournament money was never 'funneled' into the Ameritech program, or used in any way whatsoever for this purpose."

After the Joe Brown incident in Inkster, where the MHSAA ruled that Mann called the parent of a of a Romulus ninth-grade girls basketball player in an attempt to recruit her, which ultimately led to Mann's dismissal at Inkster, the paper reported on March, 25, 2005 and again in April, 29 2005 - as did this publication in, Undue Influence: Part 1 last month, that Mann would not be able to coach at another school for a year due to the penalties dished out by the MHSAA.

The statement, on all three accounts, is untrue.

Mann is able to coach at another school other than Inkster, he just can't coach in the MHSAA state tournament this year, according to the MHSAA executive committee meeting minutes from their March 17, 2005 session.

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Belleville varsity tennis to host 2nd annual camp

Serves up!

Belleville varsity tennis coach Robert Mytych, coaching staff and varsity tennis players will conduct the 2nd Annual "Serving for Tomorrow" Cubs & Tigers Tennis Camp from Aug. 1-3.

The three-day camp will help participants of all ages build tennis fundamentals with ground strokes, serves, volleys, terminology, and tennis etiquette, according to Mytych.

The camp helps generate money for both the boys and girls tennis teams. Last year, the event raised more than \$600 to help pay for uniforms and t-shirts.

This year Mytych hopes the camp will be bigger and better.

"We always hope that it will be better than the year before," he said. "I think we have the building blocks to build on it every year."

"We have so much fun doing it," he added. "There were a couple times that we ran over the time because we were having so much fun."

Last year, there were about 16-18 players that signed up for the event. So far this year they have 12 pre-registered participants and hope they will surpass last year's numbers.

The camp is split into three different sessions daily. The first session, from 10 a.m. to noon, is set up for kids ages 6-12; the second, from noon to 2 p.m., is for teenagers 13-17 years old; the final session, from 6-8 p.m. for adults 18 and older.

No adults signed up for Session 3 last year but Mytych hopes that they can get that going this time.

For kids the price is \$25 per player and \$20 for each additional family member. Adults will pay \$30 per player or \$50 per couple. Registration is required but payments will be accepted on the first day of the camp on Aug. 1. To register call Robert

Mytych at (734) 753-0318.

Mytych has been with the Belleville tennis program in some capacity for the last six years.

Last year he lead the girls to undefeated season and a Mega Blue conference championship.

"We use the term 'Serving for Tomorrow' when we promote the camp because we want to make sure that there will be a program for the next year," Mytych said. "If there's programs to be cut in the future tennis could be one of them. We want to make sure that the program is still there for next year's kids."

Mann

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The Free Press was the first to report on the Brown incident, which subsequently apparently initiated an investigation by the MHSAA. The article even had statements from John "Jack" Roberts, the director of the MHSAA before officials in the Inkster School District knew that they were being investigated.

And it was an article by The Detroit News back on Nov. 9, 2000 that spurred the MHSAA into action when Mann was driving a car full of students and athletes to school—a job originally done by Mann's good friend Reggie Jones to until he died suddenly of a heart attack. Mann said he did the only thing he could do: make sure those kids got to school until they could make other arrangements. No action was taken against Mann after that incident.

Mann said he feels that the media has treated his side of incidents unfairly, even though columnists are allowed their opin-

ion. He feels that treatment could prevent him from coaching at another school.

What's a Mann to do?

Ever since the school year ended and Mann was relieved of his duties at Inkster High School, he has tried to enjoy the summer the only way he knows how to—by coaching.

He has volunteered some of his time coaching elementary aged students at a summer program at Southwestern High School in Detroit.

He is also working with neighborhood girls at an ACC (Arab-American Caldean Council) in the Seven Mile and John R area, which is run by long-time friend Virgil Phillips.

He is also coaching a team of high school girls, which include some girls from Inkster that weren't picked up by AAU teams in a summer league. Although it is not an AAU team he is coaching it under the banner of his old AAU team, Michigan Glory.

"I'm as busy now as I was during the school year," Mann said. "I decided that this is what I want to do. I was going to enjoy my summer and this is what I do to enjoy

myself—working with kids and programs."

Mann only hopes that he can find a school willing to take a chance on him as a

coach. His 301-95 record from 1989-2004 and four state championships should be enough of a resume.

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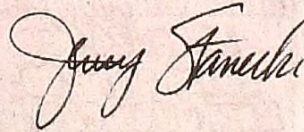
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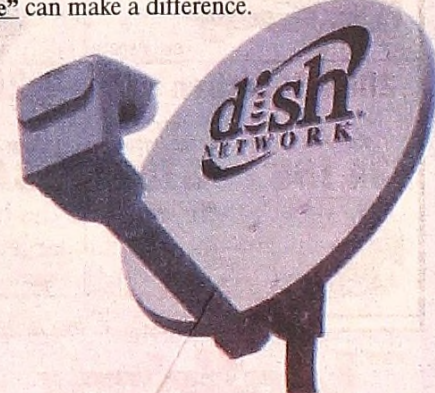
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THE SCENE

Audiences will say 'I Do' to **WEDDING CRASHERS**

If there's one film that sets the fun of the summer movie viewing season – and possibly the entire romantic comedy genre – back on track it's *Wedding Crashers*.

With other comedies such as *Bewitched* taking a nose dive in the box office numbers and more serious films like *Cinderella Man*, *Batman* and *War of the Worlds* ruling the top of the money heap, it's nice to see a lighthearted comedy that is actually funny, with two genuinely witty actors in Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson.

At first it appeared *Crashers* was going to be two hours of womanizing on the part Vaughn and Wilson. But fear not ladies: after the first 20 minutes, it turns into a true romantic comedy. And fear not gentleman: it's not your typical roll your eyes and stick your finger down your throat and gag romance. It's more civilized than *Old School* but just as funny.

Vaughn, who is at his fast-talking, crude-thinking best as Jeremy Grey, and Wilson, who is the sensitive insightful idealist John Beckwith are a perfect fit as this scheming duo.

John and Jeremy are business partners as divorce mediators—crafty ones at that—and life-long friends that look forward to their unusual springtime hobby of crashing weddings.

They scout the papers looking for the best wedding ceremonies and decide which ones—be it Jewish, Italian, Indian, Chinese or Hindu—will be the best to tackle. It's not the free beer and food that they are looking for, though. They set their sights on picking up and sleeping with the vulnerable single women overpowered by a day of true love and marriage.

They devise stories and identities for the all-too-inquisitive relatives and try to make themselves irresistible to the single ladies by dancing with grandma or the flower girls, spinning sad yarns and just by being the life of the party. No matter how they do it, it's all part of the “rules” of wedding crashing to which they adhere. And it tends to work as the beginning montage shows.

As the wedding season winds down, Jeremy decides they need to go out in style, meaning they need to crash the wedding of all weddings. He discovers that one of the daughters of the very rich treasury secretary of the United States, William Cleary (Christopher Walken) is getting married. What a way to end the season.

They work their way in to the ceremony and call dibs on the girls they want to target only to find out that they are both Cleary's daughters.

Once at the lavish reception, Jeremy works his angle perfectly with Gloria Cleary (Isla Fisher), the kooky obsessive one. But John's flirting lands him close to Claire Cleary (Rachel McAdams), the very down to earth – and very engaged – daughter.

Despite the disappointing news, John talks a resisting Jeremy into breaking the rules and accepting Gloria's invitation to go to the family's palatial waterfront estate for the rest of the weekend.

There they endure comical mishaps along with the dysfunctional Cleary family that includes Jane Seymour as Kathleen, the sexually prowling mother; an abrasive and fowl-mouthed Grandma Mary (Ellen Albertini Dow), the strange and creepy ‘artistic’ son, Todd (Keir O'Donnell) and Claire's Ivy League fiancé Sack (Brady Cooper).

Reviewed By
Jef Novak
Staff Writer

John spends most of his time trying to get Claire alone while Jeremy spends most of his time just trying to survive.

After Sack finds out the truth about the schemers they are banished from the house, leaving John heartbroken and Jeremy relieved. The story takes a strange side-track as the miserable John seeks insight from Chaz, the creator of the rules of wedding crashing. John, however, regains focus and seeks out his true love, Claire.

If there's one movie audiences should flock to the altar and say ‘I do’ to it is *Wedding Crashers*. It is one of the best romantic comedies in years and is definitely worth the price of admission.





Reviewed By
John Counts
Staff Writer

‘Charlie’ is ‘dark’ but sweet treat

Not many remakes have received as much attention as Tim Burton's adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic 1964 children's book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. It seemed to many that the 1971 version starring Gene Wilder as the whimsical candy maker was enough, and that any other treatment of the material would seem gratuitous.

The 1971 version may always hold a special place in the hearts of children and inner children everywhere but the new version is something worthwhile. Whether it will stand the test of time as the predecessor has done remains to be seen, though.

A lot has changed in moviemaking in the 33 years that have elapsed since the first adaptation was made, and this is where the new version shines in comparison. Many viewers may not be able to get the 1971 version out of their heads, but in Burton's hands, the story is given a visually stylish treatment that wasn't possible back then. In a way, the cult success of the first movie seemed to pave a way, and a larger budget, for this adaptation.

What hasn't changed, though, is the story. Famed, reclusive candyman Willy Wonka is letting five children into his factory that he has closed to the public for years. Entry is only allowed with a golden ticket, hidden in five Wonka bars around the world.

Charlie Bucket is the last kid in the world that should have received a golden ticket. He's poor and can't even afford candy bars, but the factory's mythical presence in the small, English town where he lives—and his Grandpa Joe's stories—keeps his hope from dissipating. When the last golden ticket turns out to be a fraud, Charlie gets his chance to glimpse behind the factory walls with four other chil-

dren with the promise of a special prize at the end of the tour for only one of the visitors.

One by one, of course, the children meet their respective demises as they tour the factory for various character flaws that inspire the Oompa Loompa's subsequent songs, which are excellent, by the way.

That 1971 version strayed from the book in several ways, most notably substituting Willy Wonka's name where Charlie's had been in the title. There was also a difference in Veruca Salt's demise; the filmmakers of "Willy" supposedly couldn't afford the squirrel training necessary to carry the spoiled brat off. The changes were generally accepted. The screenwriter happened to be Dahl himself.

The word on the street is that Burton stayed closer to the original book. In many ways, he did. It was nice to see some of the scenes that were in the original book, like the palace of chocolate and the scene with the squirrels Burton obviously had the budget to train. There are some differences of course, most notably an ill-advised flashback trip into Wonka's past, which alters the ending a bit, and could probably have been worked out better. Audiences don't want to know Wonka as a person, but as a feeling.

Burton's Charlie is definitely more stylish. A bigger budget and Burton's talent for giving bizarre subject matter the right look resulted in set designs that are far superior than Willy. Casting Depp is usually just one more thing Burton does to add a twist to his movies. The two have worked together extensively in the past, in movies that include

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THE SCENE



Charlie

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Edward Scissorhands, Ed Wood and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. They generally succeed together—except this time. Depp plays Wonka like a sort of peevish, man-child with an obsessive-compulsive disorder. The nonchalant cruelty with which Depp infuses Wonka is more true to Dahl's vision, but the purple face and Prince Valiant bob make him look more like Michael Jackson crossed with Jack White of the Detroit-based band, The White Stripes. Though Depp certainly has his funny moments, I found myself yearning for the weird charm Wilder played Wonka. Depp, who has played oddball characters before quite brilliantly, comes across like he's just try-

ing too hard in this one.

While Charlie's name is back in the title, his position in the movie has been reduced to resemble more of the book's Charlie, who was always good, reserved and quiet. Gone from the script are the moral temptations to help steal Wonka's secrets for Sluggworth and the Fizzy-Lifting Tonic scene. Freddie Highmore, who played with Depp in *Finding Neverland* last year, does put it an admirable performance, though.

It's pretty impossible to consider Charlie without thinking of the 1971 Willy, which has definitely taken on the everlasting effect of a Wonka gobstopper. This adaptation, though, while a much more visually stylish version, may be delicious, but will eventually dissolve in your mouth until the sweet taste is just a memory.

Northville Grub Crawl set

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

For anyone stuck in a dining rut, the Northville Chamber of Commerce has a solution—try a little bit of everything from restaurants throughout the area.

On July 28, the Chamber of Commerce hosts its first Northville Grub Crawl through some of the most popular restaurants in the Northville area.

"We're so excited—this is the first time we've offered it," said Janet Bloom, marketing and events director for the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "It's been on the back burner for a while. We thought that with all of the resources...available in the Northville area, it would be a good fit."

"We have 13 (restaurants) cur-

rently signed up—we even had to turn a few away," she added.

Restaurants featured this year are: Bonfire Bistro and Brewery, Bravo!, Champps, Deadwood Bar and Grill, George's Senate Restaurant, Little Italy Ristorante, MacKinnon's, Romano's Macaroni Grill, O'Charley's, Poole's Tavern, Rebecca's Family Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor, and Tiramisu Ristorante.

At each stop, participants will be able sample some house specialties—from Chesapeake Bay crab cakes with lobster cream sauce at MacKinnon's and ribs at the Deadwood to lamb chops at George's and watermelon barbecue wings at Bonfire. Several of the restaurants will also offer drink specials exclusively for grub crawl participants.

"You can't just go to these restaurants for \$30," she said.

She added that while each restaurant on the tour will provide a tasting of staple menu items, the amount of food is impressive.

"In the end, you've got more than a dinner's worth," she said.

Participants are welcome to drive themselves from one restaurant to the next but shuttles are available every 15 minutes.

Tickets for the grub crawl are \$30 per person and may be purchased at three locations in Northville—Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store, and the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Participants must be at least 21 years old. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Drive-in movie planned at Canton park

Everyone's favorite friendly alien is coming to Canton Township Independence Park. His scheduled arrival is around dusk on July 22, according to Bob Dates, recreation coordinator for the township leisure services department.

The alien, of course, is *E.T.*, which is the movie planned for the first Family Drive in Movie Night, scheduled for 7-11:30 p.m. on Friday night.

Dates said the event is meant

to hearken back to the days when people could enjoy a movie from the comforts of their car, before drive-ins began waning in popularity. While drive-ins were notoriously teenage hangouts in the 1950s and 1960s, Canton's drive-in night is geared toward the families that mainly comprise the township.

While the drive-in motif will be completed with on-hand concessions, an automobile isn't required for the event.

"They can view the movie by car or they can watch it from blankets and lawn chairs," Dates said.

There will be special entertainment before the movie starts, according to Dates. While the event officially begins at 7 p.m., Dates said the movie will not start until dusk, or around 9. The event is limited to Canton residents only. Independence Park is located on the southwest corner of Denton and Proctor roads.

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Belleville Arts Council prepares for garden party

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Artwork will soon fill the streets of downtown Belleville as Belleville Area Council for the Arts members prepare for their upcoming garden party and art colony.

New this year, the Garden Party will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 4 as a fundraiser for community art projects.

The event will include birdhouses decorated by area celebrities. The houses will be on display from 7-9 p.m. tomorrow at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 248 Main St. before being auctioned off at the garden party.

"We were toying with the idea and thought we should start small and see how birdhouses go

and so far the reception has been phenomenal," said Sandy Askew, an arts council member. "We figured it was time for a change and we wanted to do this and it's a good year to start it."

"We have 25 birdhouses from a whole bunch of local celebrities including artists and more," she added.

So far, the list includes birdhouses by: Habitat for Humanity, signed by Jimmy Carter and others from the Detroit build; "The Comeback", signed by the cast and crew of the new hit HBO TV show; "Menopause," signed by the cast and crew of the play at the Gem Theater in Detroit; Van Buren Township official Bryce Kelley, Sumpter Township Supervisor Johnny Vawters; State Rep. Phil LaJoy and more.

Tickets are \$25 and can be

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We've had a lot of calls so it's going to be really nice this year.

Janet Millard

purchased through the council or Askew.

The group will also start their annual Belleville Art Colony from 4-8 p.m. every Friday in August and a special bonus day on Aug. 25 as part of the Taste of Belleville. The event will take place at Fourth Street Square on Main Street and Fourth Street in downtown Belleville.

This year, the event will include area artists: Nicki Pijanowski of Belleville who is a pencil portrait artist, Lori Zoumarif of Belleville who cre-

ates watercolor, colored pencil and acrylic arts, Betty Jean Morris of Belleville who makes oil based artworks, Karen Cash who turns rocks into artwork using colored pencils and acrylics, along with others.

The City of Belleville, the Central Business Community and the arts council developed, sponsored and co-managed the first Belleville Art Colony in 1997.

The concept of an "Artist in Residence" brought professional artists to the city to demonstrate

and encourage other artists to join in their efforts. The Art Colony began in August 1997 with artists in attendance every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday of the month, according to the organization.

"We want to stress that this is a working colony," said Janet Millard, organizer of the event. "We've had a lot of calls so it's going to be really nice this year."

The artists will get a chance to win cash prizes and awards—Best Local Scene—after the colony has finished. The ceremony will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the Century 21 Realty building, located at 309 Main St.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the council office at 734-697-8123 or Askew at 734-483-5529.

Northville library to host Rock 'n' Roll Library tour

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

The Northville District Library will continue an ongoing campaign to attract teens next week, but this time, the draw won't be a book club or craft program—it's a rock band.

From 7-8:30 p.m. on July 25, the library will sponsor a free open-

air rock concert by the nationally recognized rock band, The High Strung, in the park behind the library. The park is located at the corner of Wing Street and Cady Street in Northville.

"Teenagers are very hard to bring into a library sometimes," said Julie Herrin, director of the Northville District Library. She added that the library had leapt at

the opportunity to participate in The High Strung "Rock & Roll Library Tour" because it seemed like something that would bring teens in for a library event—and hopefully back after that to borrow a book, movie, or compact disc.

Officially, the concert on Monday is for the teens that participated in the library summer

reading program. However, Herrin said that in reality, anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

In addition to the live music, the artists will also spend part of the show talking about what it takes to create a record and music video and about the highs—and lows—of touring the country.

Seating is limited so concertgo-

ers are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair. The concert will be relocated to the Northville Senior Community Center in the case of inclement weather. The center is located adjacent to the Northville District Library.

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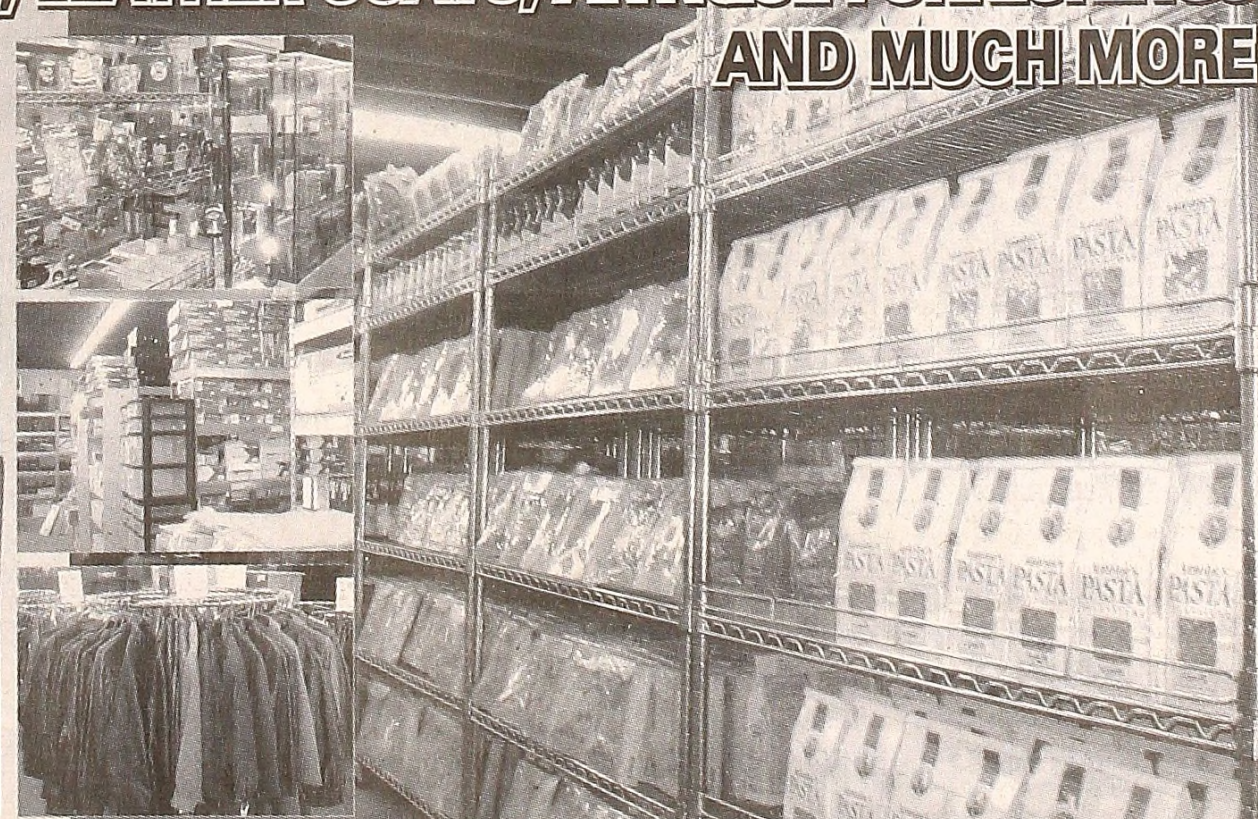
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Area mourns death of Archie Depke

Scott Spielman
Editor

Archie Depke was the kind of guy that many people knew without realizing it.

Mr. Depke, a long-time fixture at parades, baseball games and other events in the City of Wayne, died recently from heart failure. He was 65.

Mr. Depke was known by many people throughout the Wayne community, even though he had no formal education to speak of.

"I guess the most remarkable thing about Archie is that he was really loved by everyone," said long-time friend Bob Gerich. "There were so many people who took him in their hearts as a friend and Archie would do anything to make people happy."

Mr. Depke often hung around Hill's Sewing Machines in Wayne during the early 1960s. Art Hill, who co-owned the shop would often take him in, buy him food and give him a few dollars to keep him going through the week. Gerich's aunt and grandmother took him in for nearly 30 years.

He would hang out with older adults and became quite a good poker player, according to Gerich, often coming back with a sock filled with coins and a big smile.

He was also a regular at Wayne Memorial High School baseball games. Joe Kadlec, a retired Wayne Firefighter, said he met him down on 'the flats' back in 1963 and knew right away he would be an interesting character.

When Kadlec was hired on at the Wayne fire department, he said Archie was a regular visitor.

"He enjoyed coming to the Wayne Fire

Department on Wayne Road to talk and play horseshoes," Kadlec said. His skill at that game brought him to the Wayne Wheelfest, where he was a frequent competitor – and winner – at the annual horseshoe tournaments.

The marching band was another one of Mr. Depke's passions, according to long-time Wayne resident Ed McMurray.

"He always marched with the band in parades and I was glad that the powers to be in school let him," McMurray said. "He always dressed up and looked so proud of his band. He was a sight for sore eyes."

Mr. Depke was also a skilled bowler, too. In one game he knocked eight strikes and finished with a 228.

Mr. Depke was a winner, too, McMurray said, and he liked to be associated with winners. Mr. Depke served as the batboy for the Wayne Alumni softball team and kept things in their proper order – as long as the team was ahead.

"If the tide turned and we started losing, our bats (stayed) on the ground," McMurray said. "We looked around for Archie, wondering why he was not getting the bats. We soon found out where he was: now he was the batboy for the winning team. We got a good laugh out of that."

Mr. Depke stayed with family in Wayne, until their passing, and was then taken in by relatives in Plymouth. He'll be remembered well in both communities, Gerich said.

"Archie had hundreds of people who knew him. There are so many people who will miss Archie," he said.

McMurray agreed.

"He had a good life, and we all liked him," McMurray said. "Everyone needs an 'Archie' in their life."

Church of Rock adds service

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Church of Rock is on a roll.

The church, which grew out of the Club Triune in Westland, has been so well received that they are adding a Sunday night service to supplement their Saturday night one, according to Tess Ball, from J2 Ministries.

The Church of Rock was established in January at the former Wayne Missionary Church on Palmer Road, just east of Wayne Road, according to Pastor Joseph Kimbrough. They meet from 5-6 p.m.

"It's really unique," he said. "It's youth-driven."

Kimbrough, 28, is among the oldest involved either on staff or among attendees. He's been involved in the church since its inception, and has been a pastor for nearly two years. Before that he was a youth minister at the Canton Christian Fellowship Church in Westland.

He said the second service allows church leaders more time to make positive changes in the lives of young people – changes that are often seen at the church.

"Our youth have made a change in their lives," he said, "but you can only do so much in an hour. It gets to the point where they've made changes in their lives, but now they need to make changes in their associations. We needed to go to the next level."

Because of its location, the church attracts a wide variety of young people from the Wayne-Westland area. Many come from troubled families; others

have made bad decisions in their past; some fit typical youth stereotypes – from black-clad 'goths' to punk rockers. Some are high school dropouts. They come from throughout the Detroit metro area, from as far away as Canton Township, Bloomfield Hills and Novi.

"All kids can come," he said. "I want everyone to be surrounded by some positive-minded kids so we're all moving in the right direction."

Club Triune still operates out of the church on Friday and Saturday nights. The Club provides a music-heavy place where young people can go without worrying about negative influences, according to Don Keith, one of the organizers.

Kimbrough said that non-threatening, music-oriented feel is one that carries over to the church, too, because music is something with which everyone identifies.

"It's a church, but there's a rock feeling to it, too," he said.

The Saturday night session takes place at the former Wayne Missionary Church, also called the Genesis Center for the Performing Arts. The Sunday night service, which will take place from 6-8 p.m., will be at the church at 6500 Wayne Road, at the corner of Wayne and Hunter Street. The first Sunday service will be Aug. 7.

"Today more than ever, youth and young adults need a place where they feel loved and accepted, not based on their outer appearance," Ball said. "They need to feel like they belong and are not just another statistic to society."

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Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Paws With A Cause is bringing the fifth annual Laps for Learning Walk to Kellogg Park Saturday.

The one-and-a-half mile walk is open to people with or without pets, and will wind through accessible, tree-lined neighborhoods.

Sue Brooks, development representative for Paws With A Cause, said this marks the third time the event has taken place in Plymouth.

"We have a lot of volunteers in western Oakland County and western Wayne County," she said. "Plymouth is a nice location. It's a nice area with a nice centrally located plaza in Kellogg Park."

Paws With A Cause was founded in 1979. The animals aid individuals in their

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pursuit of an independent life. The dogs work as service dogs, hearing dogs, seizure response dogs and combo dogs for people with multiple disabilities.

Brooks said the event usually draws between 150 and 175 people, with 70 to 80 collecting pledges, which go to educating children, corporations and communities on what these dogs do for people. She also said the group collects between \$9,000 and \$11,000 in pledges each year.

A demonstration of what these animals can do will be a part of the event. There

will be plenty of activities for the pets, too, including a bobbing for tennis balls contest, an agility obstacle course, a dog/human relay race, musical sits and more.

To jumpstart the day, the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club will host an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 8-11 a.m. at the Masonic Temple, located directly across from Kellogg Park. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Registration for the walk begins at 10 a.m. All dogs must be on a leash, under control at all times, and have proof of current rabies vaccinations. Children age 14

and under must be accompanied by an adult. Pledges are due the day of the walk and there will be prizes and gifts for all walkers, especially those raising \$100 or more.

Brooks said the event is more about fun than the walk itself.

"It's a wonderful thing for people and their dogs," she said. "The walk is not as important as the stuff in the park. It's just a really fun time."

For more information, flyers, and pledge sheets, contact Brooks at (248) 844-5656, or email her at pawssemisue@yahoo.com.

Congressman sets township office hours

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) will host office hours for constituents of Belleville and Van Buren Township from 10 a.m. to noon to day at the Van Buren Township Hall, located at 36325 Tyler Road.

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1993 Chevrolet 1G1BL53E4PR116997 4 Door #05-5536

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On JULY 26, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1990 GMC Sta Wgn Black 1GKCT18ZXL0502312

1993 Mercury Sable 4 Dr White 1MELM5344PA669730

1998 Mazda 626 4 Dr White 1YVGF22C8W5776463

2001 GMC Jimmy St Wgn White 1GKCS18W01K136256

1990 Chevy Cavalier 2 Dr Red 1G1JC14G4LJ117080

1996 Chevy Monte Carlo 2 Dr Green 2G1WX12X6T9241442

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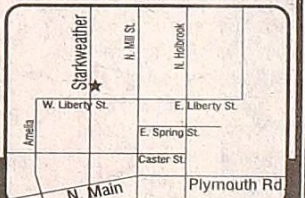
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